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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL FROM AUGUST 12 TONGA
CHRONICLE:

"LOT OF DEVELOPMENT SEEMS TO BE TAKING PLACE IN PACIFIC,
ALL AS RESULT OF RUSSIAN INTEREST IN THIS PARTS OF WORLD.
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ANZUS HAVE OPENLY DECLARED AIM TO INCREASE
AID PROGRAMS TO PACIFIC TO 'OFF-SET RUSSIAN OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE'.
COUNTRIES OF ANZUS ALSO SAID INCREASED AID MAY BE IN FORM OF
HARDWARE AND FINANCE FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM
TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL SHIPPING LINE AND INDEPENDENT FISHING
VENTURES. INTERESTING OR PERHAPS MORE IRONIC THAN INTERESTING
THAT SUDDEN AWARENESS OF NEEDS OF PACIFIC COUNTRIES HAS COME TO
FORE ONLY AS RESULT OF SOVIET INTEREST. WHAT IF RUSSIA HAD
NOT SHOWN ANY INTEREST IN THIS PART OF WORLD? ...TONGA'S
ARGUMENT AND ONE WHICH SHOULD BE APPRECIATED BY ALL COUNTRIES
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CONCERNED IS THAT ECONOMY OF KINGDOM IS SUCH THAT WE CANNOT

AFFORD TO PASS UP ANY LIKELY SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE BE IT SOVIET
UNION OR TIMBUCTOO. NEW ZEALAND HAS CUT GROUND FROM UNDER
OUR FEET BY PRACTICALLY CURTAILING WORK PERMIT SCHEME. WE
ASK--WHAT WOULD YOU DO UNDER SAME SITUATION? TONGA HAS BEEN
FACED WITH DILEMMA, AND WE ARE DEALING WITH DILEMMA AS BEST AS
WE KNOW HOW."
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